

## **Minutes of Departmental Forum Meeting, 04.10.2013**

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Apologies received from : Malene Thygesen, Bibiana Paluszewska

Moderator: Lars Relund Nielsen. Notetaker: Margit Sommer

### **1. Agenda**

### **2. Approval of the agenda**

Approved - but questions about equis (we'll talk about that "information from VIP"

### **3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Approved

Valdemar: Comment to Miscellaneous: Would prefer a discussion on the organization of the department at an earlier stage.

### **4. Budget 2014**

Still under preparation due to possible contribution to reduce deficit at AU (if major deficits at other faculties) and cost of administration

The following are the expected major differences from last year and budget 2013:

- Income from education (STÅ and "Færdiggørelsesbonus") falls with app 8,8 mill kr
- Contribution to AU due to deficit at other faculties (may be up to 9 mill kr)
- Reduction in administrative cost outside department (up to 3 mill kr)

To balance the budget, it is necessary to increase income and reduce cost. Some possibilities

- Increase external funding
- Increase spending on existing grants (reduce VIP and TAP cost, or increase overhead payments)
- Reduce use of part-time teachers (DVIP)
- Reduce cost on salaries (fewer department members e.g. by no hiring)
- Attract full fee paying students to Master's programs
- Reduce dropout rates
- Efficiency in study programs
- Trim operating cost

Expect to have received information on the actual budget within the next two months

Rainer Lueg raised the question if it makes sense for us to be efficient and contribute to other departments and faculties?

Valdemar: Where do we lose the income from education (STÅ) by almost 9 mill kr?

Allan: BSS contribution: worst case 37 mill kr. our share is 9 mill kr.

Drop out problem: Could we look at the intake of students - students with better grades from the "Gymnasium". Make first-year students feel more in sync with the study (department)

Focus on how we increase the number of STÅ. (Lars R)

The net effect will be that we'll have to find about 5 mill. kr within the next year.

## **5. Residential Meeting 2013**

Main topic: Ideas and discussions of strategy and action plans.

The action plan covers actions in all four strategic focus areas: Education, knowledge exchange, research and talent development

Strongly considering changing the format for the meeting compared to earlier plan:

- Participation of VIP and TAP but not PhD students
- End meeting after breakfast on day 2

The Tap group want the phd students to be invited even if it means that we have to drop staying overnight. (Not possible due to agreement with the hotel - you cannot cancel less than three weeks before without paying).

The Phd's are disappointed, but understand the reasons (the topics of the meeting, the budgetary situation). [After the meeting it was decided that the PhD students could attend the meeting].

## **6. Conduct of Research**

International guidelines recommend that every individual research institution formulate a coherent set of

measures and undertake efforts to ensure research integrity comprising the following five elements:

1. A clear policy on research integrity
2. Clear and specific local standards on responsible conduct of research
3. Training for all researchers in responsible conduct of research
4. Clear rules and procedures on the local handling of any suspicion of scientific dishonesty and other breaches of responsible conduct of research.
5. Guidance on responsible conduct of research

Part of proposal

- The Committee for Responsible Conduct of Research (replacing the current Practice Committee)
- The Guidance Group for Responsible Conduct of Research, including a special advisor for responsible conduct of research from each of the main academic areas

Where is there a need?

- Experimental economics
- Randomized trials
- Register data
- Survey data
- Statistical analysis
- Publication

We recommend field specific input

#### **7. Information from VIP/TAP/PhD/Students**

A group of VIPs from the Department has sent a letter to the Head of Department describing their concern that we have not obtained the equis accreditation. Allan W has forwarded the letter to all the deans.

The dean has informed that it has not been decided whether we will appeal the decision and have a new peer review team (this means that we can keep the equis accreditation for one year while the new accreditation is being performed) or whether we will wait another two years for a new decision.

The reason why we failed the equis accreditation this time was due to the organizational set up at the university. The peer review team did not see the Business School in the existing university organization.

An obvious issue to discuss with the Dean at his visit to the Department on October 22.

#### **8. Information from Management**

Have received letter of concern from 30 department members regarding the EQUIS accreditation

New sections: Work on follow-up on psychological workplace assessment for VIP

In negotiation with Xiamen University regarding cooperation on study programs

Signed contract with the Faculty of Science and Technology, and the Department of Mathematics on sharing the Mathematics-Economics (Scient Oecon) program. We provide teaching in accounting, economics, econometrics, finance and logistics

Participation in the preparation for all the fields in the EU program Horizon 2020

9. **Miscellaneous**

Peter Løchte Jørgensen has become Head of a Section and is replaced in Departmental Forum by Stefan Hirth